

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A system for use in a wellbore, comprising:

an insertion guide disposed within an open-hole

section of a formation, the insertion guide

10 being radially expanded at least partially
against the formation; and

a completion component deployed within the
insertion guide.

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2. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the
completion component is removably deployed.

20 3. The system as recited in claim 1, further
comprising an axial flow inhibitor to limit axial flow of a
fluid between the completion component and the insertion
guide.

25 4. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the
axial flow inhibitor comprises a labyrinth.

5. The system as recited in claim 3, wherein the insertion guide comprises a plurality of radial openings to permit generally radial fluid flow therethrough.

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6. The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising at least one seal member disposed circumferentially about an exterior of the insertion guide to inhibit axial fluid flow.

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7. The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one seal member comprises a plurality of rings extending radially outwardly from the exterior of the insertion guide.

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8. The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one seal member comprises a swelling material.

20 9. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the completion component comprises a completion tubular.

10. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the completion component comprises a sand screen.

11. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the completion component comprises a liner.

12. The system as recited in claim 11, wherein the
5 liner comprises a slotted liner.

13. The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a signal carrier.

10 14. The system as recited in claim 13, further comprising a sensor coupled to the signal carrier.

15. The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the signal carrier is coupled to the insertion guide.

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16. The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the signal carrier is coupled to the completion component.

20 17. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the insertion guide comprises a solid-walled section disposed within a wellbore and outside of a production fluid reservoir.

25 18. A method of utilizing a wellbore disposed within a formation, comprising:

deploying an insertion guide with the wellbore in a contracted state;

5 expanding the insertion guide at a desired
location within the wellbore to reduce
annular space between the insertion guide and
the formation; and

10 inserting a completion into the insertion guide.

19. The method as recited in claim 18, wherein expanding comprises forcing the final completion into the insertion guide.

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20. The method as recited in claim 18, wherein expanding comprises moving an expansion tool through the insertion guide prior to inserting the final completion.

20 21. The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising inhibiting axial flow of fluid along the insertion guide.

22. The method as recited in claim 21, wherein
inhibiting axial flow comprises inhibiting axial flow of
fluid between the insertion guide and the final completion.

5 23. The method as recited in claim 21, wherein
inhibiting axial flow comprises inhibiting axial flow of
fluid between the insertion guide and the formation.

10 24. The method as recited in claim 18, wherein
deploying comprises locating the insertion guide in a
lateral wellbore.

15 25. The method as recited in claim 18, wherein
inserting comprises inserting a sand screen.

26. The method as recited in claim 18, further
comprising coupling a signal carrier to at least one of the
insertion guide and the completion.

20 27. A method of utilizing a wellbore disposed within a
formation, comprising:

locating an insertion guide at an open-hole region
of the wellbore;

expanding the insertion guide to reduce annular space surrounding the insertion guide; and utilizing a completion within the insertion guide.

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28. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating the insertion guide at a lateral region of the wellbore.

10 29. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating the insertion guide at a vertical region of the wellbore.

15 30. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating an insertion guide, having a plurality of flow-through passages, within a production fluid reservoir.

20 31. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein locating comprises locating a solid-walled insertion guide within a formation.

25 32. The method as recited in claim 27, further comprising inhibiting axial flow of fluid along the insertion guide.

33. The method as recited in claim 32, wherein
inhibiting axial flow comprises inhibiting axial flow of
fluid between the insertion guide and the final completion.

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34. The method as recited in claim 32, wherein
inhibiting axial flow comprises inhibiting axial flow of
fluid between the insertion guide and the formation.

10 35. The method as recited in claim 27, wherein
expanding comprises expanding the insertion guide against
the formation.

15 36. A system of utilizing a wellbore disposed within a
formation, comprising:

means for deploying an insertion guide with the
wellbore in a contracted state;

20 means for expanding the insertion guide at a
desired location within the wellbore to
reduce annular space between the insertion
guide and the formation; and

means for introducing a completion into the insertion guide.